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Applicants: Heikkila et al.) Group Art Unit: 1808
Serial No. 08/928,893) Examiner: D. Naff
For: Process for the Simultaneous) Filed: September 12, 1997
Production of Xylitol and Ethanol)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following
amendments:

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In the Claims:

Please add claims 23-31 as follows:

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23. (New) A method of processing lignocellulose-containing material comprising
xylose and hexose from a xylan-containing matter selected from the group consisting of:
wood, softwood, hardwood as birch, beech, poplar and alder, plants, plant constituents as